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IS IT WAR OR AMITY?

"Amunition Ready For Immediate Use" is the Report Sent to California Posts.

BOTH SPANISH AND AMERICANS AGREE.

Considerable Temper in Congress. "No More Ships Will Be Built to Be Blown Up" They Say.

SPAIN CAN NOT SEE THE "MAINE'S" HULL.

For the "Maine" investigation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—Admiral Sigsbee, who has been in Key West for several days, has just returned to the "Maine." The admiral is now in the "Maine" and is expected to arrive here on the arrival of the "Maine."

"Fifteen officers and forty-seven men from the 'Maine' have been distributed in the Key West marine hospital and army barracks. More are due here on the 'Maine.' I shall hold them at Key West pending court inquiry."

Lieutenant Commander Marx is now on his way from Washington to Key West. Captain Sampson, Captain Thadwick, and Lieutenant Commander Potter will constitute the court inquiry. Marx will be judge advocate and lay down the line of procedure. It is believed that he will reach Key West in time to conduct the investigation when it opens next Monday.

Spanish Not in First Inquiry. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—Secretary Long and Assistant Secretary Day, of the state department, were in interview with the president this morning for nearly an hour.

Secretary Day read a cablegram from Consul General Lee, transmitting a request from the Spanish authorities in Cuba that Spanish officials be permitted to join with our people in making the investigation. Into the cause of the disaster to the "Maine."

General Lee will be notified that, while this government is willing to afford the Spanish authorities reasonable facilities for conducting the investigation, yet it is thought best that the first inquiry shall be made by our own commissioners. Therefore the request of the Spanish authorities will be respectfully declined.

More Caustics Now. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 19.—The department at Washington has wired General Shafter to use the utmost vigilance in guarding the guns of this harbor. Guards at Fort Point, Lime Point, and at the Mortar, and at the Dynamite batteries have been doubled. The greatest vigilance about the military posts and quarters is maintained. Every officer is serious, doing his duty as if under some special orders from the headquarters of the army. There seems to be a prevalence of the idea that there are many surprises of a stupendous nature to be made known to the American people before long.

TO BE READY FOR WAR. Orders also have come to have all available ammunition ready for immediate use. Every gun is being minutely inspected.

"Maine's" Wounded Coming Home. KEY WEST, Florida, February 19.—The light house steamer "Mangrove" arrived here this morning, from Havana with the following wounded from the "Maine" disaster: Edward Mattson, B. H. Wilber, J. C. White, Daniel Cronin, John Coffin, J. H. Bloomer, Alfred Heredia, J. A. Rowe, Charles Hatcher, and William McGee. Of twenty six in the hospital, five have died. Eleven of the seriously wounded men died in Havana.

Irregular Congressional Sentiments. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—While the disaster to the "Maine" created considerable temper in the House in favor of liberal appropriations for the Navy, and while it is undoubtedly true that the House in its present frame of mind, would not hesitate to vote for two new battleships, sharp conflict is predicted upon the theory that the

"Maine" was blown up by external agencies. If official inquiry should develop the fact beyond peradventure that the ship's magazine exploded from fire or other cause within the ship, it is believed that the sentiment in Congress will be created against the expenditure of millions in the construction of war ships that may blow up at any time.

Amity Factions at Havana. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—The apparent difficulty attending the sending down of divers to inspect the hull of the "Maine" was relieved, if not entirely removed today by the statement of Senator Du Bose, charge d'affaires of the Spanish legation, that a complete and harmonious understanding between Captain Sigsbee and the authorities of Havana had been reached in the matter of divers. The Spanish authorities view the "Maine" as extra territorial, that is a part sovereign to the territory of the United States to the same extent as the United States legation in foreign territory. With the "Maine" holding its status as extra territorial, all doubt as to proceeding to the wreck on the wreck is removed. Du Bose feels assured, however, that Sigsbee will extend equal facilities to Spanish divers, so that inspections may proceed together.

The Spanish Cruiser. NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—A reporter of the Associated Press boarded the Spanish cruiser "Vizcaya" today in company with Commander Sobral, naval attaché of the Spanish legation at Washington, the Vice Consul, the Secretary of the Spanish consulate, and detective detailed by Chief of Police McLaughlin. Captain Antonio Eulate shook hands cordially with the visitors. Everybody on board knew of the "Maine's" fate. From the youngest apprentice to the senior officer, all were eager to express their sorrow. The idea that the "Maine" was destroyed by treachery was scorned.

The Fairview Tunnel. ASH FORD, Ariz., Feb. 19.—Twenty-five hundred car loads of freight, dis-tracked on account of the Fairview tunnel fire, passed through this point last week. Nearly 1,000 men employed in the removal of the blockade have been paid off and discharged. The tunnel accident itself has not only been the cause of hundreds of thousands of dollars' expenditure but it has also lost nearly a \$1,000,000 in diverted traffic and in payment of mileage for trains over the Southern Pacific system. In the great reckoning of the loss sustained are also charged the terrible items of damages for seven men that were killed and thirty-three that were injured in the work of restoring the tunnel. The restoration was long thought to be impossible, but after a blockade lasting for thirty days, it is again opened.

Wheat Excellent Again. CHICAGO, Illinois, Feb. 19.—For thirty minutes today the wheat market was a scene of more excitement than has been witnessed since the fall campaign. Wheat started on the boom some time ago. May wheat at one time sold at 1.02; the highest point was reached during the recent December rally, when it was 1.04, and it was equal strength, being 94 1/2, when May was at the highest point.

For Barstow's Creditors. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 19.—Charles W. Barstow, a dealer in paints, oils, naval stores, today filed a chattel deed trust to secure creditors to the amount of \$100,000.

Palipe Mauchers, of Rosinda, was at the court house yesterday to attend to his claim against the government for damages sustained by the Indian depredations.

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Mrs. Bessop Shot in Dawson. VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 19.—The steamer "City of Seattle" reached here this morning bringing five men from Dawson. They report that a nugget worth \$400 was found on Peterson claim at Kookum gulch and that Mrs. Bessop was accidentally shot and killed in Dawson. Her husband dropped a revolver which was discharged by accident. There is a report in the north that a party of seven, with \$165,000 in gold dust was on board the ill-fated "Clara Nevada."

The Bankruptcy Bill. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—The house of representatives considered the bankruptcy bill today under order for final vote at 4 o'clock. The debate was limited to five minutes for each representation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—An amendment to the bankruptcy bill offered by Mahany (rep) to limit the operation of the law to two years from the date of its passage was agreed to on a rising vote of 132 to 129.

After Indians. TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 19.—Troops of American and Mexican cavalry are operating both sides of the international line gathering Papagos into their villages. The purpose of the expedition is understood to be to fix the blame for the late depredations made by Indians upon cattle near the border. The soldiers of both nations are making efforts to get at the facts.

The Warship "Vizcaya." NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—A dispatch from Sandy Hook this morning says that the Spanish cruiser "Vizcaya," which arrived off the Hook last evening, cannot be seen from the shore on account of the prevailing fog. At 9:30 the "Vizcaya" still lay at anchor.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES. School board meeting next Monday night.

Quite a number of pupils who had the measles came back to school the past few days. A number of others will be back next Monday.

The list of subscribers to the tuition fund has grown considerably since the reductions have been announced, which are as follows: 25 per cent. reduction to families of three; 25 per cent. where there are four; 30 per cent. where there are five; 35 per cent. where there are six from the same family and so on. Others may figure out how large a family must be in order to get tuition free.

The high school celebrated Washington's birthday yesterday. Instead of waiting until next Tuesday. The room was tastefully decorated with bunting, flags and pictures of the Washington family, all of which had a tendency to arouse the patriotic feeling of those present. The exercises showed careful preparation and were given in a very creditable manner.

One very noticeable feature of the Demonstration society this year is that not a pupil has failed to respond when called upon. This is probably due to Miss Barber's motto which seems to be: "Every one in his turn, and no failures allowed from any one." Certainly a very good motto.

As questions for debate are sometimes hard to find, the following are suggested: "Resolved, That the nations of Europe were not justified in taking possession of central Africa." "That the world derives more benefit from the gift stream than from the Amazon and Mississippi rivers combined." "That the officers of the war ship 'Maine' are responsible for her destruction." "That there is more patriotism in paying one's debts and taxes than in making bragadoose speeches against foreign countries."

Cattle Thieves' Sway. Antonio Coon, of Red River, reached the city yesterday; he has been trailing a bunch of six cows stolen from him last week.

A short examination led him to where the hides of his cows were hanging and where they were sold. The thieves are still at large and the law has not been vindicated. The poor people, who, at hard work, raise a few cows for their support, are suffering and the outlaws go without punishment.

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Weekly Bank Statement. Surplus reserve, decrease, \$6,748,000. Loans, increase, \$7,038,500. Stocks, increase, \$1,868,100. Legal tenders, decrease, \$8,615,500. Deposits, decrease, \$23,300. Circulation, decrease, \$130,000. Banks have \$33,339,450 in excess of legal requirements.

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NEW ORLEANS STORM

Al Krech Signs Big Checks. Buys the Kansas Pacific \$8,000,000.

JOHN J. O'NEIL IS DEAD News From the Klondike—A Woman Accidentally Killed in Dawson.

PARIS CROWDS QUIETER Severe Storm at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 19.—A severe sand, lightning and wind storm struck New Orleans today. The gale was so heavy that in the rear of the city sheds were knocked down, chimneys toppled over, trees uprooted and fences laid low. One man was seriously injured by lightning. Telegraph and telephone wires were crippled in many quarters. Many thousands of dollars in a rough estimate of the loss.

Al Krech Bought the Kansas Pacific. TORONTO, Kansas, Feb. 19.—The final step in the sale of the Kansas Pacific road was taken today, when the entire line from Kansas City to Denver was sold under the consolidated mortgage for \$8,000,000. Alvin W. Krech, who, about three months ago, signed a check in New York for over \$8,000,000. This is the largest check in the history of finance in America.

This great financier was poor in Minneapolis not many years ago, and sang in the choir of one of the leading churches. He had a distinguished air about him and was very handsome. A very rich railroad man's daughter, of St. Paul, became enamored of him and they were married. He has rapidly risen in the financial and social world. His first wife died some time ago and he was married again to a New York society belle. Krech's famous check has made him renowned through the world's finances.

Zola Trial Not Ended. PARIS, Feb. 19.—The crowd present at the Zola trial today was very large, but comparatively quiet was maintained. The court announced that the council ministers had declined to authorize general billet, the minister of war, to testify, then the defense announced that it would not call any more witnesses. The court then adjourned until Monday.

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 19.—William W. Borgs, defaulting paying teller of the First National Bank of Dover, Del., was arrested today. Borgs is said to have made away with over \$100,000. Four prominent men of Kent county were also arrested. They are B. T. Cooper, Ex Sheriff Amos Cole, Thomas Clark and Charles L. Butler.

Chinese John Bull. LONDON, Feb. 19.—The Saturday Review confirms the report that the Chinese loan will be made by Great Britain. This is another part of the great British plan, the drama of the world in which John Bull plays the part of the benefactor.

John T. O'Neil Dead. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 19.—John J. O'Neil, an ex-congressman, died today.

MARKETS. CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 19.—Cattle.—Receipts, 3,000; market, unchanged; heavy \$3.80; cows and heifers, \$2.10; calves, \$3.50; hogs, \$4.50; sheep and feeders, \$3.50; market steady; hogs \$4.50; cows and heifers, \$2.10; calves, \$3.50; hogs, \$4.50; sheep and feeders, \$3.50.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 19.—Cattle.—Receipts 200; market, unchanged; only a retail trade; Texas steers, \$2.85; Texas cows, \$3.00; native steers, \$3.40; native cows and heifers, \$2.00; calves, \$3.50; hogs, \$4.50; sheep and feeders, \$3.50; market steady; hogs \$4.50; cows and heifers, \$2.10; calves, \$3.50; hogs, \$4.50; sheep and feeders, \$3.50.

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